

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 174

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 64

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 174, Wayne. Women's Health Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May as Women's Health Month and would encourage efforts to increase awareness about all women's health issues.

WHEREAS, Heart disease is the leading cause of death for California women, and women tend to die at an earlier age from heart disease because they tend to receive care later in the course of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Women are more likely than men to die from tobacco-related cancers, which have surpassed breast cancer as the leading cause of cancer deaths among women; and

WHEREAS, Women and girls are at a greater risk for complications, including pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility, resulting from sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to adult women; and

WHEREAS, The leading cause of workplace injury deaths for women is homicide; and

WHEREAS, Women face unique health risks by virtue of their reproductive status; and

WHEREAS, Twenty percent of all California women are uninsured and are less likely to access health care services because of their uninsured status; and

WHEREAS, Low-income, older women, and women who are members of certain racial and ethnic groups are less likely to obtain necessary health care, as a result of the lack of health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Women have a longer life expectancy and experience more chronic diseases than men; and

WHEREAS, Women are most likely to serve as the primary caregiver for their children, spouse, parents, and others; and

WHEREAS, Women who are members of certain racial and ethnic minority groups are disproportionately affected by health conditions,

including tobacco-related cancers, heart disease, depression, and reproductive health risks; and

WHEREAS, The incidence of AIDS cases among women is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, Osteoporosis affects five million Californians, 80 percent of whom are women; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of health issues unique to women and differences in health and health care experiences across cultures and age groups among women is critical to the development of strategies for improving the health care and quality of life for women and girls; and

WHEREAS, Continued efforts to meet the health care needs of the state's women and girls are necessary; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby proclaims the month of May to be Women's Health Month, and encourages and promotes efforts to increase awareness about all women's health issues; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

